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TEXAS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DIPS AGAIN

For the third consecutive month, the Texas actual unemployment rate declined between October and November. The State's actual rate has fallen from 7.1% in September, to 6.8% in October, and down to 6.6% in mid-November. The current rate in the actual series is the same as the July 1988 rate, and these two months' rates are the lowest recorded thus far in 1988. This rate was also the lowest for a November since 1985, when the actual rate was 6.5%.

There were an estimated 552,000 jobless Texans in November 1988, down over 19,000 over the month and over 100,000 below the November 1987 level. Total employment rose by almost 64,000 over the month, to an estimated 7,868,000—substantially above the year-ago level.

Although seasonal hiring once again provided a large portion of the over-the-month increase in employment, most sectors of the State's economy have shown moderate improvement during the past years. The two exceptions are Construction and Mining (Oil and Gas), both of which continued to lose jobs.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Nov. '88	Oct.'88	Nov.'87
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	122,639.0	122,432.0	120,611.0
Unemployment	6,325.0	6,182.0	6,802.0
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.0%	5.6%
Total Employment	116,314.0	116,250.0	113,809.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	122,571.0	122,012.0	120,594.0
Unemployment	6,595.0	6,491.0	7,090.0
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.3%	5.9%
Total Employment	115,976.0	115,521.0	113,504.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,420.0	8,375.4	8,390.4
Unemployment	552.0	571.2	659.5
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.8%	7.9%
Total Employment	7,868.0	7,804.2	7,730.9
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,351.0	8,359.0	8,351.0
Unemployment	579.0	620.0	692.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9%	7.4%	8.3%
Total Employment	7,772.0	7,739.0	7,659.0

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS REACH HIGH

The number of **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Jobs** in Texas in November climbed to a level higher than any recorded during the past three years (see **Chart 1** on Page 3). The mid-November nonfarm salaried jobs total was 6,676,700 — more jobs than the State has produced since its peak in November 1985, when the total was 6,702,600. The low point for the State's job count during this three-year period occurred in January 1987, when the total fell to 6,440,600.

The Statewide nonfarm salaried jobs total in November 1988 was just over 25,000 below the all-time high — showing that the Texas economy has regained some momentum, although growth has been fairly slow. During the past 12 months, over 100,000 jobs have been created in Texas.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✦
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**
TOTAL	50,500	50,500	49,200	77,300	77,600	75,400	351,900	351,200	333,800	130,100	129,600	129,500
Manufacturing	4,800	4,800	4,500	9,100	9,400	9,700	40,100	40,100	39,700	25,000	25,200	24,900
Mining	2,000	2,100	2,100	1,200	1,200	1,300	700	700	800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,100	3,800	3,800	3,900	14,900	15,200	16,400	8,800	8,300	7,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,500	5,800	5,800	5,800	10,700	10,700	10,700	9,600	9,600	9,800
Trade	14,200	14,100	13,500	23,500	23,200	23,100	77,700	76,900	79,700	31,900	31,500	32,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,600	2,600	2,700	4,300	4,300	4,300	24,400	24,600	24,800	5,200	5,200	5,300
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,200	13,100	16,300	16,500	16,200	83,400	83,800	84,200	27,700	28,000	27,900
Government	9,000	9,000	8,700	13,500	13,400	14,100	100,000	99,400	97,500	20,600	20,500	20,300

Industry	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**
TOTAL	59,100	59,000	57,600	67,500	67,600	65,600	58,500	58,000	48,900	126,200	125,900	124,400
Manufacturing	15,800	15,700	15,400	10,200	10,300	9,900	3,200	3,100	3,000	11,200	11,200	11,400
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,800	–	–	–	600	600	700	4,300	4,200	3,900
Construction	6,900	6,900	5,900	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,500	2,400	2,100	6,100	6,300	6,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,200	2,200	2,400	3,100	3,300	3,000	1,700	1,700	1,500	6,700	6,800	6,900
Trade	11,100	11,000	11,200	17,900	17,900	17,200	9,900	9,700	10,000	32,600	32,300	32,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	2,000	2,000	3,500	3,500	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,800	7,100	7,100	6,900
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,300	7,800	14,500	14,300	13,800	8,800	8,900	8,500	29,800	29,700	29,000
Government	11,300	11,300	11,100	16,300	16,300	16,000	22,200	22,000	21,300	28,400	28,300	27,900

Industry	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**
TOTAL	1,340.8	1,338.5	1,340.8	190,800	191,200	186,700	517,500	518,500	519,100	59,300	59,300	59,600
Manufacturing	222.2	221.8	223.0	37,600	37,900	37,200	119,500	119,300	117,200	8,500	8,500	8,500
Mining	17.8	17.8	18.4	–	–	–	3,600	3,600	3,600	500	500	600
Construction	47.5	46.2	59.0	9,000	9,200	9,500	19,200	19,200	22,700	3,100	2,900	3,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	92.7	92.6	89.8	10,700	10,800	10,200	31,400	31,200	30,000	4,400	4,600	4,900
Trade	355.9	352.5	349.5	47,400	47,500	46,700	133,100	133,900	138,400	14,200	14,100	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.4	126.7	131.6	9,000	9,000	9,600	26,400	26,500	27,700	4,100	4,100	4,100
Services & Misc.	326.6	327.5	317.9	36,900	36,800	34,500	115,600	116,100	112,200	14,500	14,500	13,700
Government	151.7	151.4	151.6	40,200	40,000	39,000	68,700	68,700	67,300	20,000	20,100	20,700

Industry	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**
TOTAL	1,439.2	1,434.6	1,397.5	71,400	71,300	70,000	38,100	37,900	35,900	65,600	65,800	64,800
Manufacturing	152.9	152.8	149.5	5,400	5,400	5,000	1,900	1,900	1,800	15,300	15,700	15,700
Mining	65.1	65.0	63.1	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600
Construction	84.9	86.3	82.2	3,700	3,800	3,500	1,100	1,200	1,300	3,400	3,400	3,000
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.2	99.7	98.1	2,700	2,800	2,700	5,100	5,000	4,800	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	364.6	360.1	356.1	16,500	16,300	16,200	11,000	10,900	10,300	17,100	17,000	16,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	97.0	96.8	96.5	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,800	1,800	1,800	2,700	2,700	2,700
Services & Misc.	378.5	378.0	361.2	15,600	15,500	15,000	6,100	6,100	5,900	11,900	11,900	11,600
Government	196.0	194.3	188.8	21,400	21,300	21,500	9,400	9,300	8,400	8,500	8,500	8,500

Industry	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**
TOTAL	94,500	93,600	92,700	94,700	93,000	90,700	45,300	44,900	43,700	43,200	43,100	43,200
Manufacturing	7,700	7,600	7,300	12,500	12,300	12,100	2,900	2,800	2,800	3,700	3,700	3,700
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	900	9,800	9,800	9,900	5,800	5,700	6,200
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,200	4,000	4,100	4,000	1,200	1,200	1,200	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,100	5,100	5,000	3,000	2,900	2,800	2,200	2,200	2,000	2,200	2,200	2,100
Trade	28,000	27,800	27,500	29,000	28,100	26,900	10,700	10,400	10,300	12,800	12,800	12,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,500	3,900	3,800	3,900	2,500	2,500	2,500	1,700	1,700	1,600
Services & Misc.	22,600	22,400	21,800	15,300	14,900	14,500	5,800	5,800	5,800	7,400	7,400	7,100
Government	21,800	21,400	22,000	26,100	26,000	25,600	7,400	7,400	6,400	7,500	7,500	7,600

Industry	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**
TOTAL	38,600	38,400	38,800	514,900	514,500	506,900	37,500	37,400	36,200	45,100	45,300	45,200
Manufacturing	5,500	5,400	5,800	47,100	47,000	47,000	10,700	10,900	11,300	7,400	7,400	7,500
Mining	400	400	500	2,400	2,500	2,500	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,500	24,800	25,200	29,600	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,700	1,700	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100	18,000	18,000	18,000	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,800	1,900	1,800
Trade	9,500	9,800	9,800	136,800	134,800	132,800	8,300	8,200	8,400	10,900	10,800	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,700	40,800	39,700	1,800	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	7,900	7,900	7,800	127,200	127,400	121,000	5,700	5,600	5,700	9,400	9,400	9,400
Government	7,000	6,900	6,700	119,300	118,800	118,800	4,200	4,200	4,400	12,000	12,100	12,500

Industry	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**
TOTAL	61,900	61,800	61,200	27,600	27,500	27,400	78,600	78,800	78,900	51,200	51,300	50,100
Manufacturing	10,500	10,500	10,800	3,000	3,000	2,900	15,100	15,100	14,900	8,200	8,300	8,300
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,900	1,200	1,300	1,500	100	100	100	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,200	1,600	1,700	1,700	3,700	3,900	3,500	2,100	2,100	1,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	1,800	1,800	1,400	3,300	3,400	3,300	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	16,900	16,700	16,500	6,100	7,800	7,900	19,400	19,000	19,500	12,400	12,400	12,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,700	3,700	3,700	1,500	1,500	1,500	4,700	4,700	4,800	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,800	15,000	14,300	5,900	5,900	5,900	20,700	21,000	20,200	11,600	11,600	11,500
Government	9,200	9,100	9,000	4,700	4,700	4,800	12,600	12,600	12,600	10,100	10,100	9,500

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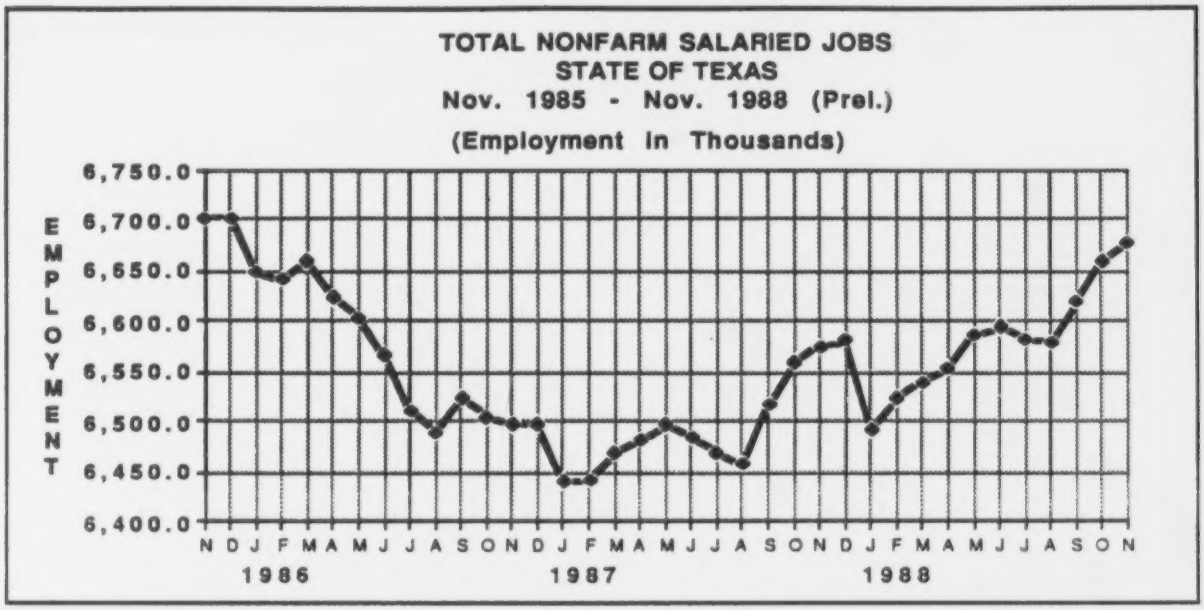

Much of the over-the-month growth in nonagricultural wage and salary employment was due to seasonal hiring by retailers for the Christmas rush. In fact, **Trade** provided 9,700 jobs between October and November — over half of the total increase of 18,100. The largest number of additions were in General Merchandise Stores, where almost 8,000 positions were filled in November. Apparel and Accessory Stores gained 1,500 jobs, and Other Retail Trade increased by 900 over the month.

The other sector which showed a sizeable number of new positions was **Government**, which gained 8,300 jobs in November. Most of the growth was in the educational sector, where hiring for the fall semester continued later than usual. Local Government increased by 6,500 over the month, as local schools and colleges augmented their payrolls. State Government added 2,100 positions, while Federal Government recorded a modest decline.

Although gains and losses were somewhat mixed within **Services**, this sector as a whole increased by 1,600 in November. Health Services, the industry group which has generated more private-sector jobs than any other during the past year, gained 1,300 jobs over the month. Hiring of part-time non-faculty personnel in private schools pushed employment in Educational Services up by 1,000. Other Services and Miscellaneous also increased by 1,000, due primarily to part-time help hired within Legal Services. The only notable downturn in Services was in Amusement, including Motion Pictures, where seasonal layoffs continued in outdoor amusement parks.

Transportation and Public Utilities recorded moderate growth in November, with an additional 800 jobs. The source of the gain was Transportation, except Railroads, which rose by 1,600 over the month. Railroad Transportation declined by 800 as two companies merged, partially nullifying the larger increase.

Banking provided the only advance in **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, which rose by 500. The increase in Banking was due to a large financial institution hiring additional staff. Employment among Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers remained unchanged over the month, while the Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate sector declined by 300 jobs.

The two sectors of the State's economy which have experienced problems for the past few years continued to lose jobs in November.

Construction lost an additional 3,800 jobs over the month, and is currently over 23,000 below its year-ago level. Much of the November decrease was seasonal in nature due to inclement weather in parts of the State. The largest decline occurred in Highway and Street Construction.

Mining declined by only 400 over the month. Although the downturn in Mining (Oil and Gas Extraction) has slowed considerably in 1988, over 4,000 additional positions have been cut in this sector since January and it had lost 5,000 jobs during the past year.

Manufacturing continued its growth in November, with 1,400 positions added —

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Nov. '88*	Oct. '88**	Nov. '87**	Chg. from Oct. '88	Chg. from Nov. '87
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,676,700**	**6,658,600**	**6,575,200**	**18,100**	**101,500**
MANUFACTURING	**955,500**	**954,100**	**945,000**	**1,400**	**10,500**
Durable Goods	**549,300**	**549,400**	**539,800**	**-100**	**9,500**
Lumber & Wood Products	33,600	34,200	33,700	-600	-100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,400	6,400	6,500	0	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,900	16,800	17,300	100	-400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	43,100	42,700	43,800	400	-700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	17,600	17,500	19,000	100	-1,400
Primary Metal Industries	28,500	28,500	27,600	0	900
Fabricated Metal Industries	76,800	76,900	73,100	-100	3,700
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	36,300	36,300	35,400	0	900
Machinery, exc. Electrical	101,800	101,900	101,200	-100	600
Oil Field Machinery	22,700	22,700	21,900	0	800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	117,800	118,200	116,800	-400	1,000
Transportation Equipment	94,800	94,500	91,300	300	3,500
Aircraft & Parts	55,300	55,000	52,300	300	3,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	22,000	21,800	21,600	200	400
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,000	13,900	13,400	100	600
Nondurable Goods	**406,200**	**404,700**	**405,200**	**1,500**	**1,000**
Food & Kindred Products	99,100	98,300	98,800	800	300
Meat Products	29,000	28,800	29,400	200	-400
Dairy Products	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
Bakery Products	10,300	10,300	10,500	0	-200
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,000	3,100	200	100
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	54,600	54,200	54,700	400	-100
Paper & Allied Products	26,800	26,700	24,700	100	2,100
Printing & Publishing	73,800	73,700	73,900	100	-100
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,000	34,900	36,400	100	-1,400
Chemicals & Allied Products	74,700	74,500	74,100	200	600
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,900	31,100	32,800	-200	-1,900
Petroleum Refining	27,600	27,800	29,500	-200	-1,900
Leather & Leather Products	8,400	8,500	8,000	-100	400
Other Nondurable Goods	33,900	33,700	34,200	200	-300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,721,200**	**5,704,500**	**5,630,200**	**16,700**	**91,000**
Mining	**178,300**	**178,700**	**183,300**	**-400**	**-5,000**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,000	9,000	9,700	0	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	169,300	169,700	173,600	-400	-4,300
Construction	**316,100**	**319,900**	**339,400**	**-3,800**	**-23,300**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**394,200**	**393,400**	**388,800**	**800**	**5,400**
Railroad Transportation	19,700	20,500	21,100	-800	-1,400
Transportation, exc. Railroads	214,800	213,200	207,400	1,600	7,400
Transportation by Air	63,500	63,200	57,900	300	5,600
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	84,200	84,200	84,600	0	-400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	75,500	75,500	75,700	0	-200
Electric Services	40,700	40,700	41,700	0	-1,000
Gas Production & Distribution	27,500	27,500	26,800	0	700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,672,900**	**1,663,200**	**1,657,300**	**9,700**	**15,600**
Wholesale Trade	411,100	410,700	407,500	400	3,600
Retail Trade	1,261,800	1,252,500	1,249,800	9,300	12,000
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,800	43,700	44,700	100	-900
General Merchandise Stores	179,000	171,200	174,400	7,800	4,600
Food Stores	230,900	230,900	228,700	0	2,200
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,000	133,900	132,700	-900	300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	79,200	77,700	82,000	1,500	-2,800
Eating & Drinking Places	408,400	408,500	397,600	-100	10,800
Other Retail Trade	187,500	186,600	189,700	900	-2,200
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**439,400**	**438,900**	**438,700**	**500**	**700**
Banking	99,000	98,200	97,300	800	1,700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	138,700	138,700	137,900	0	800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	201,700	202,000	203,500	-300	-1,800
Services	**1,515,300**	**1,513,700**	**1,451,600**	**1,600**	**63,700**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	82,100	82,300	82,000	-200	100
Personal Services	84,400	84,400	83,500	0	900
Business & Repair Services	422,900	422,700	403,600	200	19,300
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	54,400	56,100	53,500	-1,700	900
Health Services	415,300	414,000	390,100	1,300	25,200
Educational Services	78,300	77,300	81,500	1,000	-3,200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	377,900	376,900	357,400	1,000	20,500
Total Government	**1,205,000**	**1,196,700**	**1,171,100**	**8,300**	**33,900**
Federal Government	191,900	192,200	194,600	-300	-2,700
State Government	250,900	248,800	240,000	2,100	10,900
Local Government	762,200	755,700	736,500	6,500	25,700

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	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**	NOV.'88*	OCT.'88**	NOV.'87**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,100	55,800	55,200	101,900	101,800	102,900	430,800	428,000	437,900
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,100	4,200	5,900	6,100	6,500	22,800	24,100	28,700
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.5%	7.6%	5.8%	6.0%	6.3%	5.3%	5.6%	6.6%
Total Employment ++	53,000	52,700	51,000	96,000	95,700	96,400	408,000	403,900	409,200
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,400	161,800	163,300	84,000	83,700	82,700	98,000	98,100	97,600
Total Unemployment	14,800	15,200	18,000	5,900	5,900	7,300	10,900	11,500	13,900
Percent Unemployed	9.1%	9.4%	11.0%	7.0%	7.0%	8.8%	11.1%	11.7%	14.2%
Total Employment ++	147,600	146,600	145,300	78,100	77,800	75,400	87,100	86,600	83,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	60,800	60,100	58,900	161,400	160,600	161,700	1,478.5	1,470.9	1,481.1
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,700	2,900	13,000	13,800	17,100	78.3	82.5	90.7
Percent Unemployed	4.1%	4.5%	4.9%	8.1%	8.6%	10.6%	5.3%	5.6%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	58,300	57,400	56,000	148,400	146,800	144,600	1,400.2	1,388.4	1,390.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	243,300	243,500	238,300	685,300	683,000	689,500	105,600	105,300	108,400
Total Unemployment	24,800	25,800	25,200	38,600	40,400	45,000	8,000	8,400	10,600
Percent Unemployed	10.2%	10.6%	10.6%	5.6%	5.9%	6.5%	7.6%	8.0%	9.8%
Total Employment ++	218,500	217,700	213,100	646,700	642,600	644,500	97,600	96,900	97,800
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,656.4	1,643.8	1,631.3	97,800	97,600	95,300	48,200	47,600	46,500
Total Unemployment	97.8	101.4	129.4	7,200	7,800	7,500	5,600	5,600	6,700
Percent Unemployed	5.9%	6.2%	7.9%	7.4%	8.0%	7.9%	11.6%	11.8%	14.4%
Total Employment ++	1,558.6	1,542.4	1,501.9	90,600	89,800	87,800	42,600	42,000	39,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,400	80,400	80,100	116,600	115,600	115,000	156,400	153,000	153,400
Total Unemployment	6,500	6,800	7,600	5,300	5,800	6,400	24,800	25,400	28,500
Percent Unemployed	8.1%	8.5%	9.5%	4.5%	5.0%	5.6%	15.9%	16.6%	18.6%
Total Employment ++	73,900	73,600	72,500	111,300	109,800	108,600	131,600	127,600	124,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,800	50,400	50,800	54,200	53,700	54,300	46,600	46,500	46,200
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,700	3,800	4,000	4,000	4,400	2,500	2,800	2,700
Percent Unemployed	5.3%	5.4%	7.5%	7.4%	7.4%	8.1%	5.4%	6.0%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	48,100	47,700	47,000	50,200	49,700	49,900	44,100	43,700	43,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	632,500	629,900	623,100	49,600	49,600	50,700	58,700	58,300	59,200
Total Unemployment	44,400	46,600	47,900	3,000	3,200	3,800	4,400	4,400	4,600
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	7.4%	7.7%	6.0%	6.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.8%
Total Employment ++	588,100	583,300	575,200	46,600	46,400	46,900	54,300	53,900	54,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,700	77,100	78,000	36,800	36,800	37,300	95,400	94,800	96,000
Total Unemployment	5,300	5,400	6,400	2,100	2,300	2,900	5,400	5,700	7,900
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	7.0%	8.2%	5.7%	6.3%	7.8%	5.7%	6.0%	8.2%
Total Employment ++	72,400	71,700	71,600	34,700	34,500	34,400	90,000	89,100	88,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	58,800	58,300	57,900				8,420.0	8,375.4	8,390.4
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,200	4,000				552.0	571.2	659.5
Percent Unemployed	5.6%	5.5%	6.9%				6.6%	6.8%	7.9%
Total Employment ++	55,500	55,100	53,900				7,868.0	7,804.2	7,730.9

✦ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov.'88*	Oct.'88	Nov.'87	Nov.'88*	Oct.'88	Nov.'87	Nov.'88*	Oct.'88	Nov.'87
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$417.90	$419.58	$416.94	42.0	42.0	42.2	$9.95	$9.99	9.88
Durable Goods	418.20	421.46	413.27	42.2	42.4	42.3	9.91	9.94	9.77
Lumber & Wood Products	288.93	296.49	292.93	41.1	41.7	41.2	7.03	7.11	7.11
Furniture & Fixtures	268.46	273.82	247.73	40.8	41.3	39.7	6.58	6.63	6.24
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	390.69	398.14	390.43	42.1	42.4	42.3	9.28	9.39	9.23
Primary Metal Industries	457.30	456.84	451.34	42.5	42.3	42.3	10.76	10.80	10.67
Fabricated Metal Products	398.14	391.73	381.07	43.8	43.0	42.2	9.09	9.11	9.03
Machinery, exc. Electric	422.45	425.57	431.43	42.5	42.9	43.8	9.94	9.92	9.85
Oil Field Machinery	458.11	475.64	529.11	42.3	44.0	46.7	10.83	10.81	11.33
Electric & Electronic Equip.	443.31	437.38	435.72	41.2	40.8	41.3	10.76	10.72	10.55
Transportation Equipment	565.49	585.12	556.34	43.2	44.7	43.6	13.09	13.09	12.76
Instruments & Related Prod.	368.52	369.74	363.24	40.1	39.8	41.8	9.19	9.29	8.69
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	270.05	270.13	281.25	38.8	38.7	38.9	6.96	6.98	7.23
Nondurable Goods	418.42	418.50	420.00	41.8	41.6	42.0	10.01	10.06	10.00
Food & Kindred Products	344.21	342.88	343.16	42.6	42.7	41.9	8.08	8.03	8.19
Meat Products	252.84	264.48	264.39	42.0	43.5	41.9	6.02	6.08	6.31
Malt Beverages	730.82	814.87	804.25	41.5	45.6	45.8	17.61	17.87	17.56
Textile Mill Products	317.95	324.51	334.15	43.2	43.5	46.8	,.36	7.46	7.14
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	202.15	195.38	207.04	39.1	37.5	38.2	5.17	5.21	5.42
Paper & Allied Products	480.34	473.88	476.52	44.6	44.0	44.0	10.77	10.77	10.83
Printing & Publishing	404.00	405.27	397.54	39.3	39.5	40.4	10.28	10.26	9.84
Chemicals & Allied Products	645.15	643.97	674.93	42.5	42.2	44.2	15.18	15.26	15.27
Petroleum & Coal Products	707.36	724.13	672.11	44.6	45.6	43.9	15.86	15.88	15.31
Petroleum Refining	734.56	752.40	696.96	44.6	45.6	44.0	16.47	16.50	15.84
Leather & Leather Products	236.93	231.94	229.07	38.4	38.4	41.2	6.17	6.04	5.56
Other Nondurable Goods	383.99	383.10	389.82	43.0	42.9	44.5	8.93	8.93	8.76
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	497.50	510.43	480.70	39.8	40.9	40.6	12.50	12.48	11.84
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	542.18	573.54	538.19	45.6	47.4	44.7	11.89	12.10	12.04
Oil & Gas Extraction	494.06	506.66	476.75	39.4	40.5	40.3	12.54	12.51	11.83
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	502.00	504.56	500.85	40.0	40.3	40.1	12.55	12.52	12.49
Elec., Gas & San. Services	496.00	490.73	471.06	40.0	39.8	40.4	12.40	12.33	11.66
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.75	232.44	226.69	32.5	32.6	32.2	7.10	7.13	7.04
Wholesale Trade	405.33	406.36	390.25	39.2	39.3	39.3	10.34	10.34	9.93
Retail Trade	179.93	180.85	177.00	30.6	30.6	30.0	5.88	5.91	5.90
General Merchandise Stores	170.53	170.80	171.27	29.1	28.9	27.1	5.86	5.91	6.32
Banking	266.08	278.78	269.14	36.6	38.4	37.8	7.27	7.26	7.12

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$414.24	$414.92	$408.51	41.8	41.7	41.6	$9.91	$9.95	9.82
Durable Goods	444.35	444.35	434.28	42.4	42.4	42.0	10.48	10.48	10.34
Nondurable Goods	367.36	368.74	367.85	41.0	40.7	41.1	8.96	9.06	8.95
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	453.96	462.58	424.69	41.8	42.4	41.8	10.86	10.91	10.16
Durable Goods	482.22	490.92	443.94	42.3	42.8	42.0	11.40	11.47	10.57
Nondurable Goods	380.16	386.75	372.86	40.4	41.1	41.2	9.41	9.41	9.05
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	494.42	498.62	494.31	43.6	43.7	43.9	11.34	11.41	11.26
Durable Goods	428.23	425.15	420.12	44.7	44.8	43.9	9.58	9.49	9.57
Nondurable Goods	571.90	582.15	576.41	42.3	42.4	43.9	13.52	13.73	13.13
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	305.37	300.89	307.40	40.5	39.8	40.5	7.54	7.56	7.59
Durable Goods	320.62	317.77	325.21	39.1	38.8	40.1	8.20	8.19	8.11
Nondurable Goods	291.62	284.09	290.39	41.9	40.7	40.9	6.96	6.98	7.10

Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ✣ Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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primarily in the Nondurable Goods sector. The **Durable Goods** segment of Manufacturing actually declined by 100 over the month, as minor increases and decreases offset one another. The largest of the gains was in Stone, Clay and Glass Products, which rose by 400 jobs in November. Only two other increases of note occurred over the month in the Durable Goods sector. Transportation Equipment gained 300 positions, all of which were in Aircraft and Parts. Another 200 jobs were added in Instruments and Related Products.

There were two declines which offset these smaller gains in Durable Goods — Lumber and Wood Products declined by 600 over the month, and Electric and Electronic Equipment dropped 400 positions. Other industries changed only by 100 or not at all in November.

The **Nondurable Goods** sector provided all of the growth in Manufacturing over the month. Food and Kindred Products recorded the largest of the increases, with 800 additional jobs. Most of this gain was seasonal, as preparation of holiday baked goods was in progress. The other notable increase in the Nondurable segment was an advance of 400 in Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products. An additional 200 jobs were created in Chemicals and Allied Products and in Other Nondurable Goods. The only two sectors which recorded declines in November were Chemicals and Allied Products, where 200 jobs were lost, and Leather and Leather Products, which dropped by 100. Other over-the-month changes were basically insignificant.

AVERAGE EARNINGS DIP IN NOVEMBER

The number of Texas Manufacturing production workers rose by 1,000 between October and November, totaling 620,800 in mid-November. These production workers averaged a 42.0-hour work week in November — unchanged from the October level. Average Hourly Earnings declined by 4¢ over the month, to $9.95 per hour in November. The combination of a lower Average Hourly Earnings figure and stability in the average hours worked per week pushed Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing down by $1.68 over the month, to an average of $417.90 per week. Compared to a year ago, Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 7¢ but Average Weekly Hours were down 0.2 hour, leaving Weekly Earnings up by less than $1.00 between November 1987 and November 1988. Most of the decline in Average Hourly Earnings over the month was due to less overtime worked at premium pay in several different industries.

Average Hourly Earnings dropped by 5¢ in November in Nondurable Goods, and hourly earnings in this sector had risen by only 1¢ over the year. Average Weekly Hours in Nondurable Goods were up by 0.2 hour over the month, while the Durable Goods sector's weekly hours dropped by 0.2 hour.

Between November 1987 and November 1988, Durable Goods industries averaged a 14¢ gain in hourly earnings, which pushed Average Weekly Earnings up by almost $5.00 despite a slight decline in hours worked.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	NOV.'88	NOV.'87
Total Population	16913000*	16817300*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.6	1.9
UI Covered Employers	312,028	313,572
Total Claims Actions	544,650	514,893
Total Initial Claims Actions	63,625	64,970
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	481,025	449,923
Total Placements	30,887	26,030
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$149.44	$152.92
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$81,216,848	$58,604,436

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